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Participants in the American Numismatic Society's 33rd Graduate Seminar in Numismatics, held in New York from June 11 to August 10, include from left, Karen E. Ros, Michael O. Case, Steven L. Coates, William E. Metcalf, Seminar Director, Ellen A. Bauerle, P.J. Casey, the 1985 Visiting Scholar, Ebenezer N. Quarcoopome, Constantin A. Marinescu, Raman Srinivasan, and Michael D. Bonner.

(Photo by George S. Cuhaj)

1985 Graduate Seminar Concludes

The thirty-third Graduate Seminar in Numismatics concluded on Friday, August 9, after eight oral presentations of the students' conclusions. The seminar included over twenty sessions conducted by the staff and visiting lecturers on various aspects of numismatics. The Visiting Scholar for the summer was P. J. Casey, Senior Lecturer in Archaeology, University of Durham (U.K.); other outside participants included Giles F. Carter, Eastern Michigan University; Peter P. Gaspar, Washington University; Leo Mildenberg, Zurich; Eric P. Newman, St. Louis; Margaret Thompson, Chief Curator Emeritus; and Gil and Leslie Beer Tobey, Marblehead, MA.

The students, with their academic affiliations and the titles of their papers, were Ellen A. Bauerle (University of Michigan), "The Posthumous Coinage of Lysimachus

at Lysimachia;" Michael D. Bonner (Princeton University), "The Coinage of Harunabad and al-Haruniyya, 168-171 (A.D. 784-787); Michael O. Case (Pennsylvania State University), "The Coins of 'Lete' - a Study in Numismatic Analysis and Historical Attribution;" Steven L. Coates (Harvard University), "Pontic Civic Copper;" Constantin A. Marinescu (Columbia University), "Victory Inscribing a Shield - The Evolution of a Roman Coin Type;" Ebenezer N. Quarcoopome (University of California at Los Angeles), "The Indian Peace Medal of George I;" Karen E. Ros (University of Michigan), "Adventus and Profectio;" and Raman Srinivasan (University of Pennsylvania), "Metallurgical Analysis of the Copper Coinage of the Yaudheyas."

The Seminar is underwritten by a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman.

EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITIES

Enclosed with this Newsletter are three announcements that deserve close attention. Two pertain to the recently inaugurated Coinage of the Americas Conferences and the third to yet another Society venture - the sponsorship of fine works of medallic art.

Statue of Liberty Medal

Orders are now being taken for the Society's medal commemorating the centennial of the construction of this famous symbol of freedom. This oval-shaped medal, sculpted by Eugene Daub in extremely high relief, is offered in .999 silver at \$175 and in bronze with a special patina at \$30, a two-medal set is also available for \$200. Postage charges are \$5, \$4 and \$8, respectively.

The enclosed announcement also details other Society medals currently available.

COAC Proceedings Available

America's Copper Coinage, 1783-1857 is now available from the ANS. This profusely illustrated, 186 page book contains the papers presented by the 16 participants in the 1984 Coinage of the Americas Conference, representing a variety of approaches to the phenomenon of copper coinage in the early United States.

America's Copper Coinage is offered at \$15, plus \$1.00 postage. For a limited time, this work, together with *Studies on Money in Early America*, edited by Eric P. Newman and Richard G. Doty, published by the ANS in 1976, are available as a set for \$25 plus \$1.25 postage. The enclosed announcement includes a convenient ordering coupon.

COAC 1985 Scheduled

"America's Currency, 1789-1866," is the theme of the second annual Coinage

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Rose Mangini to Retire



(Photo by George S. Cuhaj)

For over twenty-nine years Rose Mangini has personified the dignity that is the American Numismatic Society. Now with her typical clarity of purpose and attention to detail, she has planned her retirement from the staff as of September 30, 1985.

Doty also conducted research on the activities of the Birmingham firm of Boulton & Watt, making use of the extensive manuscript collection of the Birmingham Reference Library through the courtesy of John Warner-Davies, Chief Archivist. His investigations there centered on three topics: the firm's early coining efforts, 1787-1791; its production of copper planchets for the United States Mint, 1798-1837; and its manufacture of dies and machinery for Mexican mints, 1825-1844. His labors in the latter two areas proved especially rewarding. A mass of correspondence, shipping information, and production data will make it possible to address the later large cent series with as close, detailed, attention as the early series of this denomination has received. On a related theme, Doty also unearthed an unpublished series of letters between James Jarvis and Matthew Boulton, whom Jarvis was (unsuccessfully) attempting to interest in the production of the ill-starred Fugio cent.

Information on Mexican Coinage

Doty also encountered much new information concerning Mexican coinage. Boulton & Watt were instrumental in the affairs of not one mint there but four - Mexico City, Zacatecas, Culiacan, and

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of this program are for the most part transparent to the professional staff since few are involved beyond recognizing that everything flows like clockwork. Notices appear in the proper publications and bulletin boards; department heads get the necessary information to encourage their students; tentative inquirers become qualified applicants; housing problems are dealt with; and when the seminar ends, a good friend keeps in touch with an ever-increasing alumni body.

In 1983 the Society published the Graduate Seminar *Directory of Alumni*, made possible only because Miss Mangini has kept track of the personal and career changes of the seminar alumni going back to the inception of the program in 1952. "Remember me to Rose" is not idle conversation among colleagues, rather a genuine desire to keep in touch.

It is easy to end up in Rose Mangini's office when you are a new visitor to the Society making your way to or from the library rooms - her door is always open. A gentleman did just that in the early 70s, stayed to chat, became impressed with the organization being described to him and took out membership. Eleven years later, Harry Fowler acceded to the Presidency of the Society.

KROLL AT INSTITUTE

John H. Kroll, Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Texas, Austin, and a member of the Society's Council, has been invited to spend the 1985/6 academic year at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. In addition, he has been awarded an ACLS Fellowship, one of 67 awarded from nearly 800 applications, to further his publication of the Greek coins from the Agora excavations in Athens. His intended volume will complement the two numismatic reports from the Agora already published - Margaret Thompson's volume covering the coinage of the Roman through Venetian periods, issued in 1954, and the Islamic coinage volume by George C. Miles in 1962.

Professor Kroll served as the numismatist at the Athenian Agora excavations from 1970 to 1974, having previously served in that capacity at Sardis, 1965 and 1967, and Corinth in 1966. He is currently Secretary of the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

During his year at the Institute, Professor Kroll intends to spend considerable time at the ANS.

EWING ELECTED FELLOW

The Society's Council, at its July meeting, elected George E. Ewing, Jr. of Dallas, Texas as a Fellow of the Society. Professor Ewing, an Associate of the ANS since 1982, received his PhD from the University of Arkansas and is currently on the faculty of Eastview College in Dallas.

Mr. Ewing served on the 1984 COAC Organizing Committee and continues to serve on the 1985 committee. He published a technical article in the special supplement of *Coin World* issued in honor of the Society's 125th anniversary and his paper delivered at COAC 1984 appears in the recently published *Proceedings*. He also authored the slide set handbook on U.S. large cents published by the ANS last December.



(Coin World Photo)

ANS REPRESENTED AT ANA

Richard G. Doty is the Society's representative at the annual convention of the ANA, held this year in Baltimore, August 20-25. Mr. Doty, ANS Curator of Modern Coins and Currency, will oversee operation of the Society's Information Booth, an opportunity accorded the ANS as a courtesy by the ANA. Mr. Doty will also participate in the ANA "Author's Table" on Thursday.

Also present at the Thursday authors' session will be Alan M. Stahl, ANS Associate Curator of Medieval Coins and Curator of Medals. Mr. Stahl is serving as a judge of exhibits and has been named to receive a Heath Literary Award for his article, "The American Industrial Medal," which appeared in *The Numismatist* for October 1984.

At the banquet on Saturday night, Margo Russell, a member of the ANS Council, will be the subject of a special tribute honoring her service to numismatics during her 25 years as Editor of *Coin World*.

A special thanks is due to the 23 ANS members who have volunteered as hosts at the ANS Information Booth during the convention: Vincent Alones; Claude Amsellem; Roger Cohen; O. H. Dodson; Michael Dolnick; Thomas Fitzgerald; Gordon Frost; David Ganz; Martin Gengerke; Millard Hajek; Lamar Hicks; Charles Hoskins; John Huffman; Merrill Kaplan; Barry Layman; Denis Loring; Miguel Muñoz; Ira Rezak; Arthur Sipe; Vernon Taylor; Robert Vlack; Robert Weimer; and Thomas Werner.

The 1986 ANA Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We would ap-

AUTHOR PRESENTS LATEST BOOK TO ANS

Selected Washington Medals and Tokens: 1792-1977, the latest work by Society member Francis Pessolano-Filos, was presented to the Society at a brief ceremony at the end of May. Mr. Pessolano-Filos, since his retirement from a professional career in 1968, has devoted his time to a variety of research projects in numismatics. This is his third book to date; preceded in 1983 by *The Assay Medals and the Assay Commissions: 1841-1977* and *The Venus Numismatics Dictionary*.

At present, Mr. Pessolano-Filos is at work on a comprehensive catalogue of U.S. Mint medals.



Francis Pessolano-Filos proudly displays the Society's gift copy of his latest book to Alan M. Stahl and Leslie A. Elam.
(Photo by E. Timothy Hanson)

preciate hearing from ANS members who are planning to attend and who would be willing to help us as hosts of our Information Booth.

MARTIN RETURNS TO ANS

Marie H. Martin has returned to the ANS as Associate Editor following a break of eighteen months during which she served as Office Manager for a financial forecasting firm. She will resume responsibility for the range of Society publications exclusive of *NL*. During her absence, the editorial department acquired a new and far more "user-friendly" photo composition facility than that with which she worked during her previous four-year tenure at the ANS.

While at Cohen, Davis and Marks, Inc., Miss Martin had remained actively involved in the ANS and has worked as a volunteer in preparation of the Society's Festival of India exhibit opening this October. Miss Martin's doctorate is in South Asian history.

Sallie Fried Resigns

The opening on the editorial staff resulted from the resignation of Sallie S. Fried, who had been appointed Assistant Editor in early 1984. Miss Fried, recently married to Jonathan H. Kagan, resigned to pursue her personal interests, including completion of her study of the mint of Scepsis which served as the topic of her doctoral dissertation.

Rebecca Akers, who served as Assistant Editor for *NL* also resigned from the staff recently to return to her home in Cleveland.

ANA COURSE SURVEY

The American Numismatic Association is soliciting views on the need and content of an advanced course in coinage to complement the courses now offered to collectors. Those interested in participating may write for a copy of the Survey for an Advanced Course to Ken Hallenbeck, Education Committee, ANA, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

"OFFBEAT" ANS

A feature by Andrew L. Yarrow on "New York's Offbeat Museums" appeared in *The New York Times* for July 26, 1985. The Society's museum was cited as "...a very different kind of collection...one of the world's finest collections of coinage and paper currency." The article went on to describe the current exhibits in some detail.

According to the article, there are between 150 and 200 museums in New York City.

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of the Americas Conference at the ANS, October 31- November 2, 1985. A full program of talks is scheduled each afternoon including time allocated for questions and discussion.

In addition, a number of exhibits will be on display in the Society's East Hall, on view only during the three days of the Conference. Space is still available for additional exhibits; those interested in participating by exhibiting should contact the Conference Chairman, Richard Doty, at the ANS by October 15.

Douglas Ball has authored an annotated slide set, "Confederate States of America Currency, 1861-1865," comprising a 36 page booklet and 30 color slides at \$20. Souvenir postcards will also be available.

A registration form for the Conference accompanies the enclosed Preliminary Program. The \$22 registration fee includes a single copy of the 1985 Conference Proceedings; the guest fee of \$12 includes admission to all sessions and the closing reception.

Registrants are urged to include a contribution toward the expenses of the Conference. Donors responding by mid-October will be acknowledged in the final program.

ANS CONTRIBUTES TO ACLS REPORT

Congress is currently holding hearings on the reauthorization of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the principal federal funding agency for scholarly research in the humanities.

In anticipation of these hearings, the American Council of Learned Societies asked its constituent members, including the ANS, to prepare reports on the current state of scholarship and teaching in the various disciplines for guidance to Congress. The Society's report was prepared by a committee composed of Glen W. Bowersock, Leslie A. Elam, Harry W. Fowler, Roger A. Hornsby and William E. Metcalf.

These reports have now been published in a volume titled *A Report to the Congress of the United States on the State of the Humanities*, and serves as a companion volume to that prepared by the ACLS member societies in 1964 to support the creation of NEH. Copies of the Report are available from the ACLS at \$7.00 per copy.



Newly renovated ANS Library Office area.

(Photo by E. Timothy Hanson)

Library Offices Completed

The Library's program of modernization and expansion, carried out over the past several years, is now completed with the construction of new office areas for the Librarian, Francis D. Campbell, and Associate Librarian, Margaret D'Ambrosio. The new offices, which were installed by Nivin Construction Corp., blend nicely with the library's recently acquired

mobile shelving.

Since the offices were arranged with the flow of work in mind they are proving to be more functional than the previous office configuration. With both library offices now situated in the same area, the space previously used by the Associate Librarian has been made available as additional reading space.

ANS COINS LENT FOR EXHIBITION

The Society's Council voted at its July meeting to lend ANS coins for inclusion in three forthcoming exhibitions. The Asia Society of New York City is organizing "Akbar's India: Art from the Mughal City of Victory," including 2 gold mohurs, 2 silver rupees and 2 copper coins of Akbar from the ANS collection. The exhibit will be on display at the Asia Society, October 10, 1985- January 5, 1986 and then travel to the Fogg Art Museum, Cambridge, January 24- March 16, 1986 and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, April 19-June 15, 1986. From November 19, 1985 through February 16, 1986, the Frick Collection in New York will have an exhibition titled "Image of Pudicitia," to which the ANS has lent 1 denarius of Hadrian and 1 as of Faustina. Finally, a denarius of the Republican moneyer Q. Pomponius Musa and a silver stater of Thasos can be viewed in the exhibit, "Herakles, the Celebration of the Hero in Classical Art," January 31- March 23, 1986, at the Edith C. Blum Art Institute of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

"FESTIVAL OF INDIA" AT ANS

The Fall Meeting of the Society on October 12 will mark the Society's participation in the Festival of India, 1985-1986, a nationwide celebration of Indian culture in the United States. Over 300 American institutions are taking part in the year long festival.

Under the direction of Society Curator Michael L. Bates, assisted by Marie H. Martin and Barbara C. Gombach, an exhibition on the theme "Coinage of India Through the Centuries" will open that date and remain on view in the East Exhibition Hall through January 11, 1986. The David M. Bullowa Memorial Lecture will be presented by Professor Irfan Habib of the Center of Advanced Study in History, Aligarh Muslim University in Aligarh, India, on the topic "Numismatics and Indian Economic History."

Reception Follows

Following Mr. Habib's talk, an authentic Indian Tea will be held, sponsored by the Society's Standing Committee on Islamic and South Asian Coins.

NOMINATING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Two nominating committees were appointed by Society President Harry W. Fowler at the July Council meeting. The committees will report at the Annual and Corporate Reorganization Meetings of the Society next January.

Eric P. Newman will serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for Members of the Council. Arthur Houghton and Roger Hornsby comprise the remainder of the committee which will present nominations for three positions on the Society's Council at the Annual Meeting on January 11, 1986.

The Nominating Committee for Officers of the Society consists of John J. Slocum, Chairman, Margo Russell and Glen W. Bowersock. The committee will report at the Corporate Reorganization Meeting of the Society's Council immediately following the Annual Meeting.

\$4,000 NEEDED

The Society's Annual Giving program is still \$4,000 short of the \$60,000 goal set for the year ending September 30, 1985. This goal is \$10,000 greater than that of last year when \$50,495 was contributed by ANS members and friends.

Members who have not yet contributed to the 1984/5 Annual Giving campaign are urged to do so before the September 30 deadline. As in other years, it will be the \$10 and \$100 donations that make the difference. All donors are recognized in our *Annual Report*.



Society Director Leslie A. Elam and Chief Curator William E. Metcalf share the moment with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grunthal on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. Mr. Grunthal holds a gift presented to him by the ANS staff. (Photo by George S. Cuhaj)

DAVID SONDERMAN REMEMBERED

At its July meeting, the Society's Council recorded with particular sadness the death on June 20 of David Sonderman, an Associate Member since 1978. Dr. Sonderman took a leading role in the apprehension of the person responsible for the robbery at the ANS in 1977, which, in turn, lead to the complete recovery of the objects taken.

In remembrance, the Council recorded on its Minutes the resolution originally passed on June 9, 1978 and inscribed on a recognition plaque which was presented by then ANS President Harry W. Bass, Jr. to Dr. Sonderman at ceremonies held in his honor at the 1978 ANA Convention in Houston.

The resolution reads:

Presented to

DAVID SONDERMAN

Who, by virtue of his personal integrity and great moral courage, made possible the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the August 21, 1977 robbery at the American Numismatic Society and complete recovery of the objects stolen.

In grateful appreciation

The Council of the Society
1978

ANS LIBRARIAN CHAIRS MUSEUMS COUNCIL

At its regular meeting of July 24, the Museums Council of New York City elected Francis D. Campbell, Society Librarian, to the office of Chairman for the 1985-86 season. Campbell, who had been Program Chairman of the Museums Council for the past two seasons, was elected along with the following slate of officers: (Vice Chairman) Barnett Shephard, Executive Director, Staten Island Historical Society, (Secretary) Marcia Rudy, Science Program Coordinator, New York Hall of Science, (Treasurer) Ruth Dolkart, Administrator, The Jewish Museum, (Calendar Secretary) Daniel Pagano, Development Assistant, Museum of American Folk Art, (Program Chairman) Paul Kinney, Curator, American Museum of Immigration.

Sixty Members

Since its founding in 1939, the Museums Council of New York City has been the primary museum association in the city. There are presently over sixty institutions comprising its diverse membership. Council meetings provide a forum wherein museum professionals can exchange ideas and discuss problems and successes with their colleagues in the field.

Calendar

September

- 14-15 Oxford Symposium on Coinage and Monetary History, Oxford, England. Alan Stahl to speak on "The Mint of Venice in the Thirteenth Century"
- 28-29 The Medieval Festival at Fort Tryon Park, NYC. Alan Stahl to speak on "Themes and Variations in Medieval Coinage," Sept. 28, 3:00 PM at Inwood Library

October

- 12 Council Meeting, 1:30 PM
Fall Members Meeting, 3:00 PM (Festival of India Celebration). Irfan Habib to speak on "Numismatics and Indian Economic History;" exhibit on "Coinage of India Through the Centuries" opens

November

- 31-2 COAC 1985 at the ANS
- 1-3 Fourteenth Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison. Marie Martin to attend
- 9-10 Token Congress 85, Manchester, England. Richard Doty to speak on "Anglesey Tokens"
- 19 Meeting of Royal Numismatic Society, London. Richard Doty

ASSOCIATES ELECTED

Twenty-nine new Associate Members were elected by the ANS Council at its July meeting. Those elected are: Ellen A. Bauerle, Ann Arbor, MI; Leonard E. Bean, Claremont, NH; Michael David Bonner, Yonkers, NY; David L. Butler, Houston, TX; Michael O. Case, State College, PA; Steven L. Coates, Boston, MA; Nancyann Davis, Youngstown, OH; Warren O. Easterday, Kansas City, MO; R. Alexander Edwards, Fairfield, NJ; and John G. Haehl, Fayetteville, NY.

Also, James L. Hale, Carrollton, TX; Richard A. Haykel, Miami, FL; Jonathan Hosking, New South Wales, Australia; John Francis Karlo, Franklinton, LA; James J. Kery, New York, NY; Paul L. Koppenhaver, Van Nuys, CA; John Michael Lemandri, Washington, DC; Thomas J. MacDonough, Dover, MA; Kenneth E. Mayo, Nashua, NH; and Leonard Gregory Mazzone, New York, NY.

Also, Alan Neuman, New York, NY; Dana E. Philippi, Liberty, ME; E. Niü Otokunor Quarcoopome, Los Angeles, CA; Harry Rivera, New York, NY; Karen E. Ros, Darien, CT; Frank P. Stelmach, Westborough, MA; Ibrahim Tawfiq, Madrid, Spain; William B. Tebbets, Boston, MA; and Theodore A. Torbich, Jr., Penn Hills, PA.

The ANS welcomes all those interested in the study of numismatics to apply for membership and work actively to further the aims of the Society.

to speak on "The Bolivian Monetary Medal"

28-30 Society closed-Thanksgiving holiday (exhibits open Nov. 29-30)

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Guanajuato. The Birmingham firm provided a variety of goods and services, geared to local realities. Thus, the busy facility at Guanajuato received up-to-date steam-powered machinery, while the fledgling operation at Culiacan was built to utilize animal power, much more sensible considering the mint's isolation. In addition to machinery, finished dies were provided, a fact not previously known, and one which will cause a serious reassessment of coining in nineteenth-century Mexico.

Richard Doty's activities also included the delivery of several talks on numismatics. He has been asked to prepare and deliver additional papers, largely on the basis of his research findings. He will address the Royal Numismatic Society in London and a national symposium on British tokens in Manchester in late autumn. In January 1986, he will be speaking on Matthew Boulton at a colloquium held under the auspices of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris.

ASOR FUNDS AVAILABLE

The American Schools of Oriental Research is offering over \$170,000 in research, study and travel grants for the 1986/7 academic year and the summer of 1986. Awards are available to undergraduate through postdoctoral scholars.

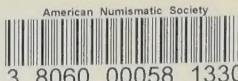
Awards offer opportunities for humanistic study in the Middle East from prehistoric through Islamic periods, at various ASOR centers. Application information may be had by writing: ASOR, 4243 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

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